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Period for Reply

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-30 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15-30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/17 & 8/31/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1. Applicant's Information Disclosure Statements filed 17 June 2005 and 31 August 2005 have been reviewed. The claims remain allowable over the prior art. The prior art teaches methods and apparatus for enhancing physiological signals for the measurement of blood oxygen in a subject including irradiating a patient with two wavelengths and detecting light that has passed through the patient, wherein the detected light includes a interference portions. However, the prior art does not teach or suggest a method or apparatus that uses an adaptive signal processor and reference signal generator to process the detected signals and a peak detector to receive an output signal from the adaptive signal processor and determine a calculated value, as set forth in the claims.

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

While the potential interference with USPN 5,662,105 remains relevant to prosecution of the instant application, Applicant is hereby advised that new rules (see 37 CFR § 41.202 - 41.208, effective 13 September 2004) govern interference proceedings.

Applicant's previous submissions including the Request for Interference filed 17 November 1998 are noted. Applicant is requested to review their previous submissions and provide any additional submissions they deem necessary to conform with the new rules in response to this action [see in particular 37 CFR § 41.202 (a)(1)-(6) and 37 CFR § 41.202 (d)(1)-(2) and (e)(1)-(2)]. At a minimum, Applicant must indicate where the previous filings meet the new rules; however, if additional submissions are necessary to

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meet some requirements of the new rules, it is preferable for Applicant to submit all of the required information in a single filing.

Applicant's attention is drawn to 37 CFR § 41.202(d)(1)-(2) and 37 CFR § 41.204. Submissions provided after the interference has been forwarded to the board may not be considered timely.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

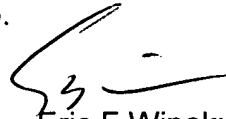
A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric F. Winakur whose telephone number is 571/272-4736. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, 7:30-5; alternate Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eleni Mantis-Mercader can be reached on 571/272-4740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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